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In re Application of:

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PHOTOFINISHING SYSTEM AND
METHOD INCORPORATING
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2001, please
amend the above-identified application without prejudice as follows.

In the Claims:

Please replace existing claims 1, 4, 5, 15, 17, 18, 29, 33, 35, 36,
38, 40, 42-48 and 53 with the following amended claims 1, 4, 5, 15, 17, 18, 29,
33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42-48 and 53. A marked-up version of the amended claims is
attached to the end of the Office Action.

a1 *Sub B1*

1. (Amended) A method of producing digital image products in a
photofinishing lab, the photofinishing lab having a plurality of image obtaining
devices for obtaining a plurality of digital images from multiple customer orders,
a plurality of digital output devices for providing a plurality of digital image
products based on the obtained digital images the method comprising the steps of:
associating each obtained digital image with identification data;
sending each of said obtained digital images and their associated
identification data to the central processing unit, the central processing unit
analyzing each of the obtained digital images and comparing said analyzed
obtained digital images with reference digital image data representative of an